

DX LISTENING DIGEST 1-206, December 26, 2001
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FIRST AIRINGS ON WBCQ: UT Thu 0030 and 0600 on 7415

FIRST AIRINGS ON WWCR: Thu 2130 on 15685, Fri 1030 on 3210

** ARGENTINA. 2379.87 3.12. 0130 tent. R Nacional, San Miguel de Tucumán. Some 'Nacional' -identifications, but San Miguel de Tucumán was not mentioned. Definitely an Argie (Argentinian) though. (© Mika Mäkelä 2001, Lemmenjoki 158 DXpedition, Finland, Freeze! DXing Arctic Style via DXLD) {may relate to a previous unID}

** ARGENTINA. PIRATE: 11425.5 Radio Bosques. 0341-0350 December 25. LSB mode. Romantic music in Spanish. ID at 0345 as: "Está sintonizando a Radio Bosques, desde Buenos Aires, en la República Argentina". 44444. Also at 0611+ December 25. LSB mode. Romantic music in Spanish. 44444 (Arnaldo Slaen, Argentine, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. A last-minute reminder that CBC Radio One has a two-hour salute to Reginald Fessenden, the true inventor of radio broadcasting, today Wed Dec 26 during the local noon hour, webcast five times for each zone, starting at 1605 UT to the Atlantic/Newfie zone from Halifax, Sydney, Fredericton, St. John's, Saint John, Moncton, etc., titled Radio 101. Same network has a lot of interesting holiday stuff today; see <http://worldofradio.com/holiday.html> (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. I heard some minutes of CNR1 on strange 4995 at 2109 on

December 21. There's not any signal at 2125. Yesterday (December 24) at 1340 on 4750 I found third signal in addition to Hulun Buir and Qinghai PBS which was CNR1 with about 2 seconds delay in comparison to 5030. This morning CNR1 again was there (Vladimir Kovalenko, Tomsk, Russia, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. China Huayi Broadcasting Corporation seems to be using 6185 and 11590 throughout, and I can no longer hear it on 4830 or 4940 in the evenings. ID in Chinese is 'Zhongguo Huayi Guangbo Gongsi', sometimes abbreviated to 'Hua Guang', with frequent canned English IDs as above with 'Corporation' rather than 'Company'. The regular frequency announcements only mention FM (Alan Davies, Ubud, Bali, Indonesia, EDXP Dec 25 via DXLD)

** CUBA. CUBAGRANDE - TV Cubana on Line:
<http://www.cubagrande.com/tv.html>
CUBAGRANDE - La TV Cubana viaja en la Red:
http://www.cubagrande.com/notas/tv_cubana.html
Cordiales 73's (Oscar, FL, Dec 25, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** FINLAND. 11690, Scandinavian Weekend Radio komt hier om 0910z 12/25 even goed binnen ('peak') met ID in Engels. Voor de rest maar zwakjes. Op 6170 niets te horen. Ook op 11720 van 1200-1900z. 11690, Scandinavia Weekend Radio, 0900, Very weak signal and ID in English while peaking. 11720, Scandinavia Weekend Radio, 1745, Very good signal with two men in Finnish. At 1754 'This is Scandinavian Weekend Radio'. 73 (Piet Pijpers, Holland, BDXC via DXLD)

** GUATEMALA. Did not get around to bandscanning late Latins UT Dec 25, until almost 0600, when nothing unusual was noted on 60m, but on 90m, found R. Maya de Barillas still going at 0600 on 3324.9, Spanish talk about Xmas, fair-good signal despite TBL listing of 250 watts, PWBR as 1000; what does WRTH say? Wrapping up, the announcer said something about 4:30 am, presumably when they would be back, 0608 into formal sign-off as TGBA, Radio Maya, on 2360, 3325 and FM 102.1; gave address on 4a. Avenida 14-01, two phones, the first of which was 780-21-32, finishing at 0611 tho carrier stayed on a bit longer. Despite announced 2360, could not hear it there where local noise level was quite a bit higher. TBL has 2360 on the inactive list, and the normal schedule on 3324.8 as until 0330 or 0400. LA-DX shows 2360 last reported in April 2000 by someone in Hard-Core DX (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDONESIA. 2703 (approx): I caught an ID of this mysterious and very strong signal in Malang, Java, on 8 Dec around 0255, but as luck would have it the tape recorder was not running. Sounded like 'Inilah Masjid ?Raja-something' (i.e. 'This is ?Raja-something Mosque'), which followed a list of times, probably the transmission schedule, in W Indonesian time. A few hundred km further east, it's still audible as a

weak signal at night. My guess is they are running no more than 100 Watts or so (Alan Davies, Ubud, Bali, Indonesia, EDXP Dec 25 via DXLD)

** ISRAEL. Galei Zahal 6973 24 Dec at 0145 in Hebrew w/pop mx. Fabulous signal. This has been coming in well for the past few months.

MOSSAD on 9130 23 Dec at 2200 w/EZI callup then Group 9. Good but ute QRM (Liz Cameron, MI, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** JAPAN [and non]. According to the Monitoring Section of Radio Japan (on 25 Dec.), Special program in Japanese, entitled "Chikyu Radio (Global Radio)", will be broadcast on 29 Dec. from 0905 to 1055 UT as the following extended schedule.

To: Southeast Asia

0905-1000 11740 Singapore

0905-1055 11815 Yamata

To: Asian Continent

0905-1055 9750 Yamata

To: Southwest Asia

0905-1000 15590 Yamata

1000-1055 11750 Singapore (extended)

To: North America

0905-1000 9835 Yamata

1000-1055 6120 Sackville (extended)

To: Hawaii

0905-1000 15230 Yamata

1000-1030 9685 Yamata

1030-1055 9685 Yamata (extended)

To: Central America

0905-1000 12030 Yamata

1000-1030 9835 Yamata (extended)

1030-1055 12030 Yamata (extended)

To: South America

0905-1000 9530 Montsinery

0905-1000 15230 Yamata

1000-1030 9685 Yamata

1030-1055 9685 Yamata (extended)

To: Oceania

0905-1000 11920 Singapore

0905-1055 21755 Yamata

To: Europe

0905-1000 11710 U.K.
0905-1055 9660 U.K. (extended)
1000-1055 11710 U.K. (extended)

To: Middle East and North Africa

0905-1000 21550 Gabon
0905-1055 15165 Dhabbaya (extended)

To: Africa

0905-1000 17650 Ascension
0905-1055 17685 Ascension (extended)
1000-1055 17650 Ascension (extended)
(Kunitoshi Hishikawa, Bulgaria, Dec 25, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** JAPAN [and non] Monitoring Section of R. Japan informed me on 25 Dec. the following schedule (fixed version) for the 52nd "Year End Hitparade", which will broadcast in Japanese on 31 Dec. from 1030 to 1545 UT. [so updates info in 1-201] {another update coming in 1-208?}

To: Southeast Asia

1000-1500 11815 Yamata
1100-1200 13660 Yamata (extended)
1330-1400 7200 Yamata (extended)
1330-1400 13660 Yamata (extended)
1500-1600 7200 Yamata

To: Asian Continent

1000-1500 9750 Yamata
1130-1230 6190 Yamata (extended)
1500-1600 11910 Yamata

To: Southwest Asia

1000-1400 21695 Rampisham (extended)
1400-1500 9845 Yamata
1500-1600 12045 Yamata (instead of Ekala)

To: North America

1000-1100 6120 Sackville (extended)
1100-1200 6120 Sackville
1200-1300 6120 Sackville (extended)
1300-1500 11705 Sackville
1500-1600 11705 Sackville (extended)
1500-1600 9505 Yamata

To: Hawaii

1000-1500 9710 Yamata (extended)

1500-1600 9835 Yamata (extended)

To: Central America

1000-1030 9835 Yamata (extended)
1030-1100 12030 Yamata (extended)
1100-1200 6120 Sackville
1200-1300 6120 Sackville (extended)
1300-1400 11705 Sackville
1400-1600 17825 Montsinery (extended)
1500-1600 9535 Yamata

To: South America

1000-1500 9710 Yamata
1500-1600 9835 Yamata

To: South America (Eastern Area)

1100-1600 15590 Montsinery

To: Oceania

1000-1100 21755 Yamata
1100-1230 21755 Yamata (extended)
1200-1300 17680 Dabaya (extended)
1300-1430 7140 Yamata (extended)
1430-1600 17680 Singapore (extended)

To: East Europe

1000-1600 12020 Woofferton (extended)

To: South Europe

1000-1600 9820 Rampisham (extended)

To: Middle East and North Africa

1000-1300 15165 Dhabbaya
1300-1500 17555 Rampisham
1500-1600 15265 Skelton

To: Africa (West)

1000-1600 17865 Ascension (extended)

To: Africa (Central)

1000-1200 17685 Dhabbaya (extended)
1200-1600 17685 Meyerton (extended)
(Kunitoshi Hishikawa, Bulgaria, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Note: usage of 6120 Sackville preîmpts English at 1100-1200, as well
may some of the others (gh, DXLD)

★★ LITHUANIA. FBN test on 9710 was heard on Saturday (December 22) from

1205 to 1305 and on Sunday from 1403 to 1503 with heavy interference from CNR1 on 9710 and Radio Tashkent on 9715. On Saturday there's tone test signals before transmission's start at 1205 and Radio Vilnius announcement in English about its own transmissions just after FBN program end (1305-1307). (Vladimir Kovalenko, Tomsk, Russia, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Previously filed under USA [non], FWIW (gh)

** MADAGASCAR. Sorry, Glenn and all, I so often forget to note frequencies. Yes, Radio Madagascar was on 5010. This station and DW in Russian use not an IS but just a jingle. Tune in to a Russian program of DW on the hour and listen to their jingle. I'll myself check it. Maybe they changed the jingle. It seems to me I also heard the same jingle somewhere else. Was it VOA Russian? I don't remember. Where all the stations get the jingle from? I don't know, but I can ask DW Russian service (Vladimir Kovalenko, Tomsk, Russia, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. Quick recheck for XERMX spurs Dec 25 around 0545 found 9375v still there, extremely distorted, but 10035v not audible, flanking 9705. Also around 0230 Dec 26.

Then thru Media Network's hitlist I got right to their program schedule at <http://www.imer.gob.mx/programacion/rmi.pdf> but it's still the April-October 2001 edition showing times in UT and UT-5 for Mexico City. We already know they switched back to UT-6 at the end of September, so all I can do now is change all the times to one UT hour later than shown, which should be correct unless they have made further changes now besides the timeshift.

English half-hours: daily 1500, 1600, 2200; M-F 2300; Tu-Su 0400 and 0500. Including:

DXperience: Th 16, Su 05 and 22, Tu 22
Mailbox: Th 05, Su 04 and 16, Tu 16

Spanish includes:
Radio Correo del Aire: Th 02, F 20, Sa 13, Su 23
Estaci n DX: F 02, Sa 23, Su 13, Tu 20

DXperience UT Sunday at 05 matches the time I first ran across their spurs this week, and so does Estaci n DX Sunday at 13, so perhaps the rest be accurate too. Shows frequencies 9705 and 11770 at all hours of transmission, here shifted to: 1300-0600 (UT Mon -0500 after La Hora Nacional at 0400). No longer any siesta at 1700-1900, and no mention of 9375 and 10035....

XERMX also has three half-hour programs in French, at several times on Tu/Th/Sa into UT W/F/Su. The second half of most hours is occupied by

music in no particular language.

There is also a program schedule for XERF-1570, but it is even elder,
<http://www.imer.gob.mx/programacion/xerf.pdf>
dated August 2000. About all it has in common with XERMX is Antena
Radio (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. 6956.8, Radio La Voz del Campesino, Huarmaca. 2356-0003
December 24. Music ("cumbia andina"). Time check: "siete de la noche y
un minuto....".- Messages: "para el se or....en Aropampa. Ma ana, a las
11 de la ma ana, tendr  su llamada telef nica desde la ciudad de Puno".
Huayno. Greetings: "un saludo muy especial para Olandina, de parte
de...". 34333. I heard this station at 0605 too, in a special
transmission (Arnaldo Slaen, Argentine, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA. R. Tsentr, 5925 heard at 0446 12/25 with the strongest
signal of the three nights that I've listened to it, although still a
lot of noise. Once again a Christmas carol in Russian, then a man
praying in Russian, with a woman translating into English ("...
relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ ... Merry Christmas ...").
(Jim Renfrew, Byron NY, Drake R8, longwires, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA? On December 22 at 1650 I heard unannounced frequency 5890 of
Voice of Russia in Russian and then at 1700 in English. Yakut Radio
(identifying itself in Russian just as "respublikanskoye radio"
which means "republican radio") noted on December 23 at 0954 on
traditional frequencies 4825 (SINPO=25441), 7200 (42x42, QRM CNR2 on
7200) and 7345 (45544 - clear channel). Program was in Yakut followed
by Russian weather report and announcement about republican news coming
up at 2210 local time (1310 UT). Radio Rossii relay at 1000 on all the
frequencies (Vladimir Kovalenko, Tomsk, Russia, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. (fwd) Bach Festival now on Internet Radio (+ WKCR-FM, NYC)
Sorry for the belated announcement ... but I figure better belated than
never. :)

WKCR, 89.9 FM in New York City (Columbia University radio) is currently
broadcasting its yearly holiday-season Bach Festival. It runs 24 hours
a day, through Thursday, December 27. And this is a non-commercial
station, so there are no obnoxious interruptions. For a detailed
schedule, go to <http://www.wkcr.org/> and click "onAir". And if you
click on "Live Broadcast" you can LISTEN VIA INTERNET RADIO!

Note: Due to the WTC disaster, WKCR's on-air signal is hard to get
(they are using a temporary antenna on the Columbia campus). Best
Holiday Wishes, and Happy New Year to all ... (Tom Frenkel taf2@nyu.edu
--- <http://homepages.nyu.edu/~taf2> (via Joel Rubin, NY, DXLD)

Hmm --- I believe WKCR was at the Edward Armstrong site in Alpine, NJ. Now a lot of TV stations were there after 9/11 but almost all of them are, AFAIK, now on the ESB. I think PAX 31 might be there (they're now almost unviewable over the air if anyone cares about PAXTV) and the Spanish station on 47 is there and NBC 4 was sometimes using it overnight (Joel Rubin, NY, Dec 24, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Well, the website says WKCR antenna on campus... Viz.: (gh, DXLD)

BACHFEST! Friday, December 21st at 9:30am through Thursday, December 27th at 9:00pm [EST]

WKCR is proud to present its annual BachFest: tune in to 89.9 FM for the glorious music of Johann Sebastian Bach - an inspiration to musicians for over two centuries. This year's festival will include traditional favorites such as Phil Schaap's Jazz Meets Bach segment, cantata request hours, and a 10-hour Glenn Gould festival within a festival. New additions to the BachFest this year will include a live broadcast of the complete Brandenburg Concerti from Lincoln Center, a live performance of selections from the unaccompanied cello suites by Alisa Weilerstein, and a segment on recently released recordings. The classical department at WKCR wishes our listeners a merry holiday season and hope that the BachFest will make it all the merrier! -Erica Phillips and Peter Mondelli

Please note: the following is a rough estimate of our actual broadcast. Please be patient, as we cannot predict the exact time that each of these segments will begin.... [q.v.] (WKCR website via DXLD)

** U S A. WWRB still rattling off the Dave Frantz tape loop at 1735 on 25 Dec. Beamed to the ME. You mean they ran out of conspiracy programming? Who'da thunk? There goes my holiday. Will QSL by letter at PO Box 7, Manchester, TN 37349-0007 (Liz Cameron, MI, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Presumably 12172 AM as yesterday (gh, DXLD)

Rechecked Dec 25 at 2027, the text on the loop had been changed slightly to add the frequency, remove the antenna height and requirement for a SASE, Dave no doubt having read our previous remark in the meantime... (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. TOCOBAGA DX #59 - 25 December, 2001 - ©2001 Terry L. Krueger

1700 kHz FLORIDA Radiocadillac.com, Palm Harbor; this US-19 billboard low power loop -- promoting Cadillac with parody music segment and talk -- is amazingly still active after quite a few months. Heard at fair level at US-19 at Sunset Point Road (Clearwater) while Barnes & Noble shopping. Presume most of the other transmitters (believe it was nearly 50) are still running. Wonder how long this campaign is contracted for.

89.3 MHz FLORIDA (unlicensed/low power); I saw a very new-looking bumper sticker on a late model pickup truck in St. Petersburg last week: "CHAZ 89.3 Chassahowitzka, Fla." (black text on white background). At first, I thought it was Canadian call letters, until I saw the smaller city/town underneath the "calls" and frequency. Could this be the same as this old 89.3 MHz entry on my "Florida Low Power Radio Stations" page: [Jim Bob's Gas and Shrimp, Chassahowitzka; irregular low power operation with "Jay's Karaoke" (Friday and Saturday nights), "Dave's Fishin' Report" and a wet T-shirt contest (Sundays). Stereo]?

89.3 MHz FLORIDA (unlicensed/low power) "Power 89.3," Tampa; first log of this since the reported FCC raid a few weeks ago, and indeed in mono mode (from new location). Same automated Urban/soul format, occasional "Urban Community Radio" and "Power 89.3" drops. Signal not as good as before in this part of Pinellas.

Visit my "Florida Low Power Radio Stations" at:
<http://home.earthlink.net/~tocobagadx/flortis.html>
(Terry L. Krueger, Tocobaga DX Dec 25 via DXLD)

** U S A. The third hour of NBC-TV Today, Dec 26, has a 3-minute feature on AFN/AFRTS starting about :42 past the hour. Some western timezones may still have a chance to see this. And perhaps someone can find a direct link to it on demand. 73, (Glenn Hauser, OK, swprograms via DXLD)

** UZBEKISTAN. 5060 kHz, Radio Tashkent; 1212-1220 Dec. 22, English foreign service noted good (and parallel about equal 5975) with Central Asian vocals, female "You are tuned to Radio Tashkent" at 1215. Talk by man and woman, back to music (Terry L. Krueger, Tocobaga DX Dec 25 via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. Checking the whiner in DXLD 1-205, Dec 25 at 2025, I found the signal audible from 17430 to 17467, peaking around 17450. Bandwidth varies, and at 2032, perhaps with a slightly stronger signal, it could be heard as low as 17391 and as high as 17490, next to WBCQ, but not above 17495 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 4725, 1255 Dec 26, For the last week to 10 days, I have observed a station playing Christmas music on this frequency. I am unable to ID the language of YL announcer. Today I noted the Christmas hymn "Christ the Lord" @ 1255. The only station that I'm aware of which uses 4725 is Myanmar. Only 4% of the population of Myanmar is Christian, the vast majority being Buddhist. Surely, this is not Myanmar Radio, is it? It always appears rather late, around dawn just before 60m closes here in the the SE USA. Reception is often quite good

as if it were full greyline propagation. Anyone have an idea? (David Hodgson, TN, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Stranger things have happened. I wouldn't be surprised if tropical Burma were playing Xmas music as a seasonal thing, rather than an endorsement of Christianity (gh, DXLD) ####